

which are part of the 3rd phase National Highways Development Project; and

(b) if so, the backward regions of the State which are likely to be benefited by the above decision with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) The stretch of National Highway Nos. 58 and 72 from Uttar Pradesh/Uttaranchal Border to Dehradun is included in 3rd Phase of National Highway Development Project (NHDP). The stretch is included in Phase III-A and is further divided in two stretches *i.e.* Uttar Pradesh/Uttaranchal Border to Haridwar and Haridwar to Dehradun. Bids for four laning of NH-58 from Muzaffargarh (Uttar Pradesh) to Haridwar (Uttaranchal) on BOT basis which includes the stretch of Uttar Pradesh/Uttaranchal Border to Haridwar are to be invited once again by NHAI. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the stretch from Haridwar to Dehradun, which passes through Rajaji National Park is in advance stage of completion. For taking up the work in this stretch, clearance of National Board of Wild Life and Hon'ble Supreme Court is required.

(b) The above National Highway connects Uttaranchal with Delhi and as such all areas of Uttaranchal including backward and hilly areas will be benefited.

Trauma Care Centre for victims of highway accident people

971. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that yearly an estimated 1.27 lakh people are seriously injured on the roads of which 80,000 people die due to accidents on the Highways in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, Government's response towards the increasing number of accidents on Highways;

(c) whether Government are seriously considering to set up Integrated Highway Trauma Care Centre for providing instant trauma care to accident victims in various districts particularly in Maharashtra State; and

(d) if so, by when and in what manner it would be incorporated in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) As reported by the States/UTs, during the year 2004, the number of persons injured were 1,43,140 and persons killed were 34,723 in road accidents on National Highways. Data regarding persons injured and persons killed doesn't overlap. The number of road accidents on National Highways during 2002 were 1,31,738 whereas the number of road accidents during 2003 and 2004 were 1,27,834 and 1,30,265 respectively. Some of the important steps taken by the Government besides highway design to check the road accidents are as under:

- (i) Various steps to enhance road safety such as road furniture, road markings/road signs, introduction of Highway Traffic Management System using Intelligent Transport System, enhancement of discipline among contractors during construction, road safety audit on selected stretches, have been undertaken by National Highways Authority of India.
- (ii) Refresher training to Heavy Motor Vehicle drivers in the unorganized sector.
- (iii) Involvement of NGOs for road safety activities by Department of Road Transport and Highways and National Highways Authority of India.
- (iv) Setting up of Driving Training School in the country.
- (v) Publicity campaign on road safety awareness through audiovisual-print media.
- (vi) Institution of National Award for voluntary organizations/individual for outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- (vii) Tightening of safety standards of vehicles.
- (viii) Provision of cranes and ambulances to various State Governments/NGOs under National Highway Accident Relief Service Scheme. National Highways Authority of India also provides ambulances at a distance of 50 Km. on each of its

completed highways under its Operation and Maintenance contracts.

- (ix) Widening and improvements of National Highways from 2 lanes to 4 lanes and 4 lanes to 6 lanes etc.

(c) and (d) Provision of assistance in case of road accident is basically the responsibility of the State Government. This Ministry has been providing ambulances to States/UTs/NGOs to evacuate accident victims to the nearest medical center under National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme. During the period from 2000-01 to 2004-05, 266 ambulances had been given to various States under this scheme. In addition, National Highways Authority of India provides an ambulance at an average interval of 50 kms under their Operation and Maintenance Contracts/Build operate Transfer agreements on the completed stretches of National Highways entrusted to them. 81 ambulances have been deployed on National Highways by National Highways Authority of India.

Apart from the above, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides assistance to the States/UTs under the scheme of 'Assistance for Capacity Building' for upgradation of emergency services/trauma care facilities in hospitals including those located near the National Highways for the purpose of treatment of victims of accidents.

Conversion of roads in Rajasthan to NHs

972. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the stretches in Rajasthan that have been taken up/proposed to be taken up for conversion into National Highways;

(b) the funds allotted for each stretch during the last three years and the current year update;

(c) the amount sanctioned to Rajasthan from the Central Road Fund (CRF) during the last three years, and current year;

(d) the details of the works sanctioned thereof; and

(e) the present status of the execution of works pertaining to National Highways and CRF Works?